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Resolution

The Township of Allamuchy, Warren County

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq. finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region (the "Plan") and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, Allamuchy Township, Warren County lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Township Council of Allamuchy Township, Warren County believe that it is in the best interest of Allamuchy Township to conform to the Regional Master Plan, as that plan has been proposed and which plan, in its present form has been presented to Allamuchy Township. Both Allamuchy Township and the Highlands Council are aware that the Plan and the Regulations and Rules of the Highland Council have been and may continue to be changed from time to time. Any action on the part of the Mayor & Township Council of Allamuchy Township, Warren County in adopting this Resolution is conditioned upon Allamuchy Township's acceptance of future changes in the Plan and in the Rules and Regulations of the Highlands Council being reasonably acceptable to Allamuchy Township, with Allamuchy Township reserving the right to withdraw its Notice of Intent and its petition as provided below in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of Allamuchy Township, Warren County hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the

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Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Mayor & Township Council of Allamuchy Township, in accordance with the present Plan and the presently adopted Rules and Regulations of the Highlands Council intends to include all lands lying with the Planning Area in the petition. This Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, is not to be deemed binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area, and is subject to Allamuchy Township's right to withdraw such Notice of Intent and its petition if the Plan and/or the Rules and Regulations of the Highlands Council are, in the future, changed in a manner that the Mayor and Township Council deem to be adverse to the interests of the citizens of Allamuchy Township and therefore unacceptable to the Mayor and Township Council. This condition shall be deemed a condition precedent to this Notice of Intent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township plans on applying for a grant to study and assess the effect of the Plan on the Master Plan of Allamuchy Township and should such study reveal that it is not in the interest of Allamuchy Township to proceed with the filing of the Petition, then the Township reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withdraw this Notice of Intent to Petition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Mayor & Township Council of Allamuchy Township, Warren County has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

This Resolution shall take effect according to law.

Anne Marie Tracy, RMC

Municipal Clerk for Allamuchy Township

Date: 11-18-08

The above Resolution was duly adopted on the 18th day of November, 2008, the Mayor and Township Council voting unanimously to adopt this Resolution.

Anne Marie Tracy, RMC

Municipal Clerk for Allamuchy Township